

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-23-79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SSI/SSP FOOD STAMP "CASH-IN" PROGRAM EVALUATION PROJECT

REFERENCE:

This is to advise you that the California State Department of Social Services (SDSS) in conjunction with the Western Region, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is presently conducting a follow-up study on the recently concluded Food Stamp "Cash-In" Program for California SSI/SSP recipients. The evaluation project will require more than 800 home visit interviews with SSI/SSP recipients statewide by designated SDSS and USDA personnel.

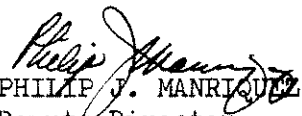
It is anticipated that these interviews will begin in March 1979 and continue through June 1979. Please be advised that the entire project will be conducted by State and Federal staff. There is no requirement for the participation of any county welfare department staff or the utilization of any county facility in the conduct of this project.

Please advise your staff that State and Federal personnel will be in your respective county during the period referenced above while conducting evaluation project related interviews. Attached for your information is a copy of the appointment letter that will be sent to each SSI/SSP recipient respondent. The appointment letter is self-explanatory.

Inquiries that you or your staff may receive from SSI/SSP recipients who receive home visit interview appointment letters and mistakenly contact your department to reschedule an appointment, report a change of address or other pertinent information should be directed to toll free 1-800-952-5700.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Local agency inquiries regarding this study may be directed to Charles Malone of Program Field Review Section, SDSS, at (916) 322-1914.

Sincerely,


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The California State Department of Social Services is presently conducting a follow-up study of the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) Food Stamp "Cash-In" Project which began September 1, 1978, and ended January 31, 1979. As you may recall, you may have been entitled to receive \$10 worth of food stamps each month instead of an additional \$10 reflected in your monthly SSI/SSP check.

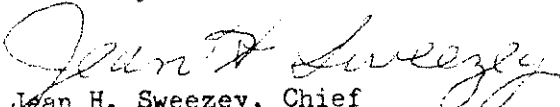
The State Department of Social Services and the Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, are very interested in your experience with this program. The Department would like to obtain first-hand information about your experiences with the program. Staff from both this Department and USDA will be personally interviewing a number of project participants statewide.

Individuals to be interviewed as a part of this study have been identified by a random selection process. The information you provide will help to make future systems more efficient and effective. We have taken the liberty of scheduling an interview with you at your home on _____. At that time _____ from the State Department of Social Services or the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, will visit you to conduct a brief interview. It is not necessary for you to make any special preparations for the interview. Information that you provide in the interview will be strictly confidential.

If this date and/or time is inconvenient for you or the person cited above no longer lives at the address listed, please call toll-free to 1-800-952-5700 to reschedule the appointment or report any other pertinent changes.

Your assistance and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Jean H. Sweezey, Chief
Program Field Review Section